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Trash compactor

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Jackie - I've been doing some research on trash compactors - a potential solution for the Cahuenga alley neighbors — and perhaps even a pilot to show a positive vision for how trash can be efficiently and economically handled in this increasingly dense neighborhood.

Tomorrow we will meet a 4 p.m. at Kitchen 24.

The gentleman we wil be meeting with, Tom Reiman, has a lot of experience installing compactors in LA. He's done them in Old Pasadena - where their alley system is contingent upon a clean trash solution, and recently along an alley in Highland Park, in the 5900 block of Figueroa. His company also does them for Mimi's Cafe's throughout the country, and he recently installed one at the Mimi's on Los Feliz Boulevard.

When he comes tomorrow, we will look at the site (I already sent him a screen grab from google maps) and he will tell us about how this works.

I sent him info Errol Roussel had provided me (Errol owns Kitchen 24 and has been doing yeoman's work these past several years coordinating the trash dumpsters and paying the bills to Athens - for which he's been shorted by a few businesses, but that's the topic of another meeting). If we didn't have Errol's conscientious stewardship of this shared problem, I cannot imagine what state the alley would be in!

I am hoping that once Tom looks at this, and determines what is necessary to service 13 businesses, the outcome would be less expensive than what is currently the case. Plus, it will be hygienic, rodent free and more attractive.

Jackie, you and I should talk off line about what your expectations would be to rent this lot to someone who would manage the trash solution. The owners will have to pay these costs:

1. Monthly rental toward the compactor (we will learn more about that on Thursday, but it could be in the neighborhood of $250-ish a month)
2. Monthly Athens bill
3. Monthly share of rent of the parking spaces
4. Monthly share of someone to administer this

Right now, the bill is about $4600. Divided among the 13, that is $350/month to Athens.

We are looking at the possibility that the OWNERS would buy into this solution, and pass the costs to the businesses. That way, Errol won't get stiffed when a business doesn't pay, or leaves Hollywood. The owner should pay for the trash regardless of whether or not the business is occupied.

I know you will be going out of town after this meeting - and you said I could coordinate with Eric. I wanted to give you a heads up on what I've learned. I think we all will have a much better sense of what is possible when we meet with Tom Reiman on Wednesday.

Kerry

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